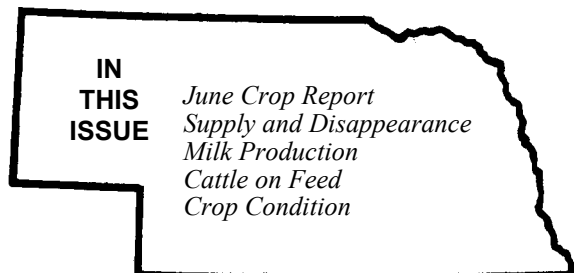


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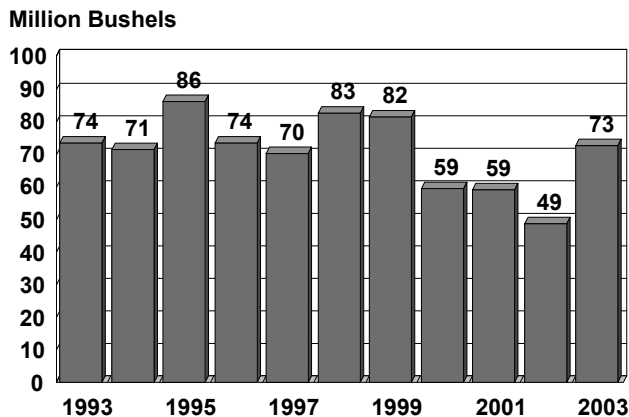
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2003 Wheat Production Forecast Up 49% From Last Year

Nebraska's 2003 winter wheat crop, based on June 1 conditions, is forecast at 72.6 million bushels, up 49 percent from last year's crop and 16 percent above last month's forecast. Average yield is forecast at 44 bushels per acre, up 12 bushels from last year's yield and 6 bushels above last month.

Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 1.65 million acres, up 9 percent from last year. In the major wheat growing areas, as of June 1, topsoil moisture supplies were rated mostly adequate and subsoil moisture supplies rated adequate to short. Crop condition rated mostly good with development normal at 69 percent headed. Disease and insect pressure have been light.

NEBRASKA WHEAT PRODUCTION Forecast as of June 1, 2003



Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service

Winter Wheat: Area Harvested, Yield and Production, Nebraska, and United States, 2001-2003

Classification		Nebraska			United States		
		2001	2002	2003 ¹	2001	2002	2003 ¹
Winter Wheat							
Harvested for Grain ²	Percent	91.0	92.0	94.0	76.0	71.0	82.0
For harvest	1,000 Acres	1,600	1,520	1,650	31,295	29,651	36,447
Yield	Bushels	37.0	32.0	44.0	43.5	38.5	44.6
Production	1,000 Bushels	59,200	48,640	72,600	1,361,479	1,142,802	1,626,376

¹ Forecast. ² Percent of seeded acreage.

Source: USDA NASS Crop Production, June 11, 2003.

State	Acres Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2002	2003 ¹	2002	2003 ¹	2002	2003 ¹
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>		<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	
Colorado	1,650	2,200	22.0	33.0	36,300	72,600
Kansas	8,100	9,700	33.0	44.0	267,300	426,800
Missouri	760	780	45.0	51.0	34,200	39,780
Montana	750	1,700	28.0	38.0	21,000	64,600
Nebraska	1,520	1,650	32.0	44.0	48,640	72,600
Oklahoma	3,500	4,700	28.0	36.0	98,000	169,200
South Dakota	625	1,440	29.0	40.0	18,125	57,600
Texas	2,700	3,700	29.0	29.0	78,300	107,300
Washington	1,750	1,800	59.0	62.0	103,250	111,600
United States	29,651	36,447	38.5	44.6	1,142,802	1,626,376

¹ Forecasted June 1, 2003.

Source: USDA NASS Crop Production, June 11, 2003.

U.S. Grains Supply and Disappearance Outlook

Crop Year	Supply				Market Year Disappearance ¹				Market Year Ending Stocks	Average Market Price	
	Pro- duction	Begin- ning stocks	Im- ports	Total	Domestic		Ex- ports	Total			
					Primary Use ²	Other					
Million Bushels											\$/bu.
Corn											
2001/02	9,507	1,899	10	11,416	5,877	2,054	1,889	9,820	1,596	1.97	
2002/03	9,008	1,596	15	10,619	5,650	2,285	1,600	9,535	1,084	2.25-2.35	
2003/04 ³	10,060	1,084	10	11,154	5,600	2,375	1,850	9,825	1,329	1.90-2.30	
Soybeans											
2001/02	2,891	248	2	3,141	1,700	171	1,063	2,933	208	4.38	
2002/03	2,730	208	4	2,942	1,610	182	1,010	2,802	140	5.50	
2003/04 ³	2,855	140	4	2,999	1,620	169	960	2,749	250	4.45-5.45	
Wheat											
2001/02	1,957	876	108	2,941	926	276	961	2,164	777	2.78	
2002/03	1,616	777	78	2,472	935	209	860	2,004	468	3.56	
2003/04 ³	2,176	468	100	2,744	930	260	950	2,140	604	2.90-3.50	
Sorghum											
2001/02	515	42	0	556	210	45	241	495	61	1.94	
2002/03	370	61	0	431	160	45	180	385	46	2.30-2.40	
2003/04 ³	553	46	0	599	225	55	250	530	69	1.65-2.05	

¹ Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1. ² Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food. ³ Projection.

Source: USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, June 11, 2003.

Milk Cows and Production: By Month, 20 Selected States , 2002-2003¹

Month	Milk Cows ²		Milk per Cow ³		Milk Production ³		
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
January	7,749	7,807	1,591	1,607	12,327	12,548	102
February	7,744	7,810	1,472	1,484	11,401	11,588	102
March	7,745	7,811	1,654	1,660	12,810	12,969	101
April	7,758	7,798	1,621	1,622	12,575	12,645	101
May	7,769	7,786	1,678	1,669	13,039	12,992	100
June	7,782		1,587		12,348		
July	7,781		1,578		12,281		
August	7,785		1,570		12,223		
September	7,781		1,497		11,648		
October	7,789		1,539		11,991		
November	7,792		1,496		11,657		
December	7,801		1,575		12,290		
Annual	7,773		18,858		146,590		

¹ 2002 revised. ² Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ³ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, June 17, 2003.

Cattle On Feed

Nebraska Cattle on Feed Down 6 Percent

Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 1.93 million cattle on feed on June 1. The inventory was down 6 percent from last year and 8 percent below June 1, 2001. Placements during May totaled 360,000 head, up 3 percent from last year but 4 percent below 2001.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of May totaled 500,000 head, up 12 percent from last year but 4 percent below May two years ago. Other disappearance during May totaled 10,000 head compared with 15,000 head last year and 15,000 head during May 2001.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 4 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.53 million head on June 1, 2003. The inventory was 4 percent below June 1, 2002 and 6 percent below June 1, 2001. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.30 million, 1 percent above 2002 but 3 percent below 2001.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.23 million, 3 percent above 2002 and 1 percent above 2001. Other disappearance totaled 65,000 during May, 16 percent below 2002 and 36 percent below 2001.

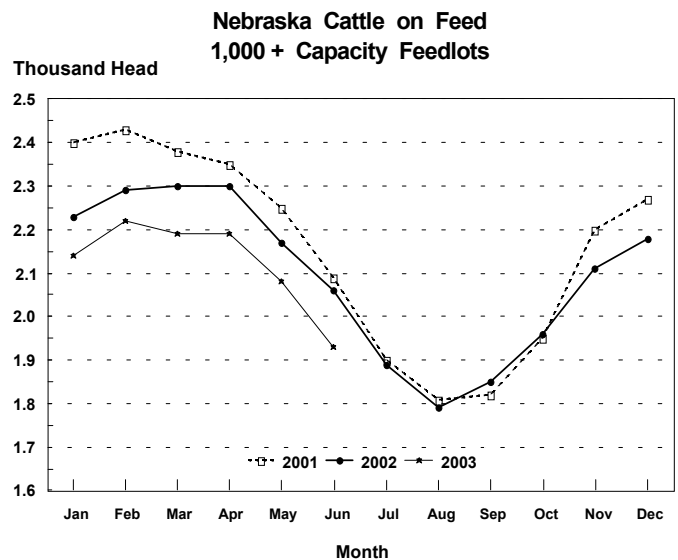
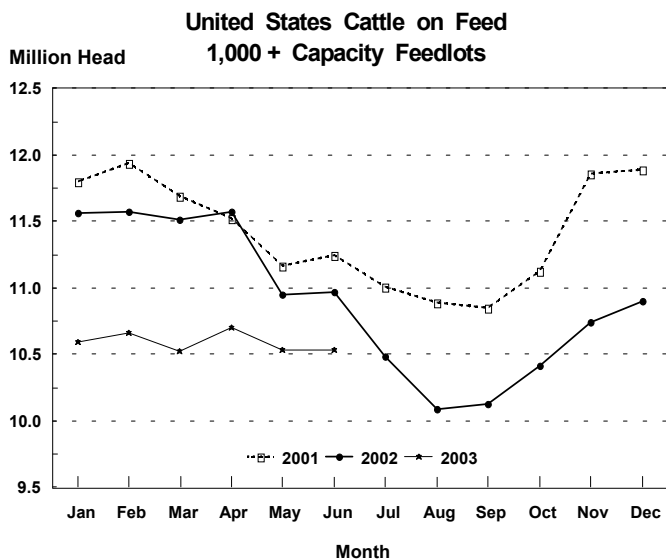
Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2002-2003

STATE	June 1 Number on Feed ¹			May Placements			May Marketings			May Other Disappearance ²		
	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	299	266	89	32	38	119	36	39	108	1	2	200
California	485	485	100	72	83	115	63	66	105	4	2	50
Colorado	1,090	990	91	210	200	95	190	200	105	10	10	100
Idaho	310	260	84	64	53	83	68	67	99	1	1	100
Iowa	375	340	91	46	48	104	55	65	118	1	3	300
Kansas	2,270	2,270	100	520	550	106	495	530	107	25	20	80
Nebraska	2,060	1,930	94	350	360	103	445	500	112	15	10	67
New Mexico	96	110	115	18	30	167	17	20	118	2	1	50
Oklahoma	340	360	106	75	98	131	73	67	92	2	1	50
So. Dakota	205	198	97	26	29	112	34	44	129	2	2	100
Texas	2,870	2,880	100	760	730	96	580	520	90	10	10	100
Washington	200	160	80	41	30	73	55	39	71	1	1	100
Other States	370	285	77	53	48	91	60	71	118	3	2	67
United States	10,970	10,534	96	2,267	2,297	101	2,171	2,228	103	77	65	84

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

² Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed June 20, 2003.



Crop Condition, Selected States, as of June 23, 2003

Corn: Crop Condition

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
<i>Percent</i>					
CO	0	2	8	41	49
IL	1	4	20	58	17
IN	2	8	32	47	11
IA	0	3	16	58	23
KS	1	3	29	59	8
KY	3	10	31	38	18
MI	2	7	31	52	8
MN	0	2	17	65	16
MO	1	5	21	57	16
NE	0	1	16	57	26
NC	2	10	28	56	4
ND	0	1	12	65	22
OH	3	12	33	41	11
PA	5	15	39	33	8
SD	0	2	16	65	17
TN	5	7	21	55	12
TX	14	22	26	32	6
WI	1	3	19	61	16
18 Sts.	1	5	21	56	17
Prev Wk	1	5	23	56	15
Prev Yr	2	8	28	49	13

Soybean: Crop Condition

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
<i>Percent</i>					
AR	2	10	28	46	14
IL	2	6	27	56	9
IN	2	8	33	49	8
IA	1	3	16	61	19
KS	0	1	27	67	5
KY	3	5	32	51	9
LA	2	13	49	35	1
MI	1	5	25	63	6
MN	0	2	19	66	13
MS	1	7	24	53	15
MO	1	7	31	52	9
NE	0	1	16	64	19
NC	0	4	34	59	3
ND	1	2	11	58	28
OH	3	10	36	43	8
SD	1	1	19	65	14
TN	0	5	24	58	13
WI	1	3	16	68	12
18 Sts.	1	5	24	58	12
Prev Wk	1	5	26	57	11
Prev Yr	1	7	30	52	10

Winter Wheat: Crop Condition

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
<i>Percent</i>					
AR	4	14	31	43	8
CA	0	5	25	55	15
CO	5	11	23	45	16
ID	0	3	9	67	21
IL	11	19	33	30	7
IN	5	9	21	47	18
KS	5	11	27	39	18
MI	0	3	16	59	22
MO	1	8	26	47	18
MT	2	7	20	52	19
NE	3	11	26	46	14
NC	2	9	38	50	1
OH	1	3	21	52	23
OK	5	9	22	43	21
OR	6	23	46	23	2
SD	3	13	25	46	13
TX	25	25	32	15	3
WA	3	8	25	46	18
18 Sts.	8	13	26	38	15
Prev Wk	7	12	28	40	13
Prev Yr	21	20	29	26	4

Sorghum: Crop Condition

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
<i>Percent</i>					
AR	1	6	32	54	7
CO	1	3	27	53	16
IL	0	22	49	28	1
KS	0	2	30	64	4
LA	0	3	29	62	6
MO	1	6	40	48	5
NE	0	1	26	64	9
NM	4	8	70	18	0
OK	0	1	25	72	2
SD	1	4	25	65	5
TX	6	15	31	42	6
11 Sts.	2	7	31	55	5
Prev Wk	1	6	35	53	5
Prev Yr	5	15	40	37	3

Source: USDA NASS Crop Progress, June 23, 2003.

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